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SUBJ: SPECIAL PRC FLIGHTS TO US

REF: A. TOKYO 4189; B. STATE 63141; C. TOKYO 4112

SUMMARY: GOJ HAS GRANTED APPROVAL FOR MAR 30 FLIGHT AND JAL WILL PROVIDE GROUND SERVICE AND NAVIGATOR. ALL MORNING PAPERS MAR 30 CARRY FRONT PAGE STORY ON FLIGHT. GOJ HAS REQUESTED LATER ARRIVAL TIME ON APRIL 2 RETURN FLIGHT TO AVOID BOTH CAL AND CAC BEING AT HANEDA AT SAME TIME. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF ADVISED EMBASSY EVENING MAR 29 THAT APPROVAL FOR FOR MAR 30 FLIGHT TOKYO-ANCHORAGE GRANTED. FONFF SAID THAT JAL NAVIGATOR WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR TOKYO-ANCHORAGE LEG AND COULD CONTINUE TO NEW YORK IF NEEDED. PRC HAS NOT ADVISED GOJ ON REQUIREMENTS FOR NAVIGATOR BEYOND ANCHORAGE OR IF NAVIGATOR WILL BE REQUIRED RETURN TRIP APRIL 2 FROM ANCHORAGE TO TOKYO. FONOFF ALSO STATED PRC REQUEST TO GOJ RE THIS FLIGHT WAS FOR FULL SERVICES AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION HAS ARRANGED FOR JAL TO PROVIDE GROUND SERVICES IN TOKYO. EMBASSY ADVISED
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NORTHWEST OF THIS DECISION BY GOJ. NORTHWEST WILL STILL STAND

READY AT HANEDA TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICE REQUESTED. EMBASSY FAA
REP PLANNING BOARD PRC AIRCRAFT AT HANEDA FOR TOKYO-ANCHORAGE
LEG. (PRC EMBASSY HERE UNINSTRUCTED RE FAA REP).

2. AS PREDICTED REF A, GOJ WAS NOT ABLE HOLD INFORMATION THIS
FLIGHT AND ALL MORNING PAPERS, ENGLISH AND JAPANESE, GAVE STORY
FRONT PAGE COVERAGE. STORIES WERE FOR MOST PART FACTUAL,
GIVING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES TOKYO, AND SOME NOTED THAT
TEST FLIGHT WAS FOR PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE FUTURE FLIGHT OF UNGA
DELEGATION. STORIES WHICH MENTIONED LATTER POINT NOTED THAT
UNGA FLIGHT, IF MADE, WOULD NOT STOP TOKYO. SEVERAL STORIES
SPECULATED THAT FLIGHT AT THIS TIME WAS POSITIVE INDICATION
OF PROGRESS IN PRC-GOJ CIVIL AVIATION TALKS. NO MENTION MADE
OF PARIS-NEW YORK TEST FLIGHT.

3. FONOFF HAS ALSO INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOJ HAS REQUESTED
PRC TO DELAY BY ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS ARRIVAL HANEDA OF RETURN
FLIGHT APRIL 2. ORIGINAL PRC REQUEST WAS FOR 1300 (LOCAL)
ARRIVAL, AND GOJ HAS ASKED THIS BE SHIFTED TO 1430 (LOCAL).
GOJ HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED REPLY TO THIS REQUEST. FONOFF STATED
REASON FOR REQUEST WAS THAT 1300 ARRIVAL RISKED OVERLAP WITH
CAL FLIGHT IF LATTER DELAYED. RATHER THAN RUN RISK OF SUCH
POSSIBILITY, GOJ WOULD LIKE REARRANGE PRC SCHEDULE.
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